

# KING COUNTY ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

## ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2002

**KCASAAB Members Present:** Linda Brown, Joan Clement, Nancy Code, Pam Detrick (awaiting Executive appointment), Roger Goodman (awaiting Executive appointment), Jim Harbaugh, Joyce Proudlock

**KCASAAB Members Absent (Excused):** Bob Seidensticker, Yasmin Smith, Scott Strawn (awaiting County Council confirmation)

**Staff Attending:** Walt Adam, Cindy Bergh, Mike Elsner, Jackie MacLean, Geoff Miller, Rhoda Naguit

**Guests Present:** Lorri Cox, Seattle Municipal Court; Tim Hartnett, Advocate; Pat Knox, Recovery Centers of King County; Barb McHenry, State DASA; Kim Murillo, Stonewall Recovery Services; Eleanor Owen, Mental Health Board

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The regular monthly meeting of the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board (KCASAAB) was convened at the Conference Room of the Dutch Shisler Sobering Center, 1930 Boren Avenue in Seattle. Chair Jim Harbaugh called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m., followed by an introduction of all members and guests.

#### I. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Board Chair Jim Harbaugh made a special presentation to the longest serving board member. A Certificate of Recognition cased in a glass frame handmade by Geoff Miller was presented to Joan Clement for her 18 years of dedicated service on the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board. The certificate further states: "In grateful and awed recognition of her resolute, informed, and effective support of services for the chemically dependent and the mentally ill of Seattle and King County." Board Chair Jim Harbaugh, DCHS Director Barbara Gletne, MHCADSD Manager Jackie MacLean, and Interim A/D Coordinator Geoff Miller jointly signed the certificate.

#### II. MINUTES

Joyce Proudlock made a motion and was seconded by Linda Brown to approve the meeting minutes of March 12, 2002 as submitted. The motion was passed and the minutes of March 12, 2002 were approved unanimously.

### III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

#### A. Proposed Agenda For Board Planning Retreat

The following is a proposed agenda for the April 24<sup>th</sup> Board Planning Retreat:

- Review of Board By-Laws – *Jim Harbaugh*
- Review of Board's on-going role in legislative advocacy – *Jim Harbaugh*
- Discuss Priority Population funding – *Geoff Miller*
- Understand how criminal justice is re-shaping its system including Sentencing Reforms Act - *Roger Goodman/Jackie MacLean*
- A look at how "integration" is working – *Jackie MacLean*

#### B. Joint KCMHAB/KCASAAB Meeting in May

Incoming Board Chair Linda Brown and Nancy Code will be unable to attend the joint boards meeting because they will be out of town. Outgoing Board Chair Jim Harbaugh will come in late to the meeting due to his 3:30-4:45pm teaching schedule at Seattle University. Board members Joan Clement, Pam Detrick, Joyce Proudlock, Roger Goodman and Scott Strawn will attend the meeting.

King County Executive Ron Sims will be at this meeting to personally thank the outgoing chairmen of both boards and to give a short talk.

Sherry Hamilton is in charge in putting together an agenda for this joint board meeting. Jackie encouraged the board to contact Sherry Hamilton at (206) 205-1324 or email her at [Sherry.Hamilton@MetroKC.gov](mailto:Sherry.Hamilton@MetroKC.gov) if they have any item for the forthcoming joint board meeting.

#### C. Board Liaison Report

Board Chair Harbaugh reported that he attended the Legislative Advocacy and Public Affairs Committee last March 27<sup>th</sup>. The committee aims to intensify its advocacy efforts this year. They also discussed how to effectively present themselves to the legislators without being perceived as too pushy or aggressive. There were also suggestions to continue sending advocacy letters to legislators to lobby for a particular issue and to hold workshops to educate the public, elected government officials, and their respective legislative aides.

Linda Brown shared some items discussed at the recently held SIAC meeting. The group discussed the need to integrate criminal justice into the MH/CD service systems and a better understanding of the role of criminal justice in re-shaping the system.

Nancy Code said that the Children and Family Commission did not hold their meeting this month.

#### IV. MANAGER'S REPORT

Board Chair Harbaugh welcomed back Jackie MacLean from her vacation from New Zealand. He then asked Jackie that before she give her report if she could respond to the following inquiries from the board regarding the job announcement on County Coordinator/Assistant Manager position:

- Has this job announcement been sent out to the public? Jackie responded to the affirmative. She added that the job announcement was put together and sent out while she was on vacation.
- Item #2 under "Minimum Qualifications/ Knowledge/ Skills and Abilities". The board feels that applicants to this position should be required to have experience and knowledge in chemical dependency not chemical dependency or mental health because this is specifically an alcohol and drug coordinator position. Jackie said that she would make sure that this will be reflected in the interview questions.
- Item #15 on desired qualification from the most competitive candidates. Linda stated that requiring a CD certification or licensure from desirable applicants for this position might not be realistic. Based on the WACs, to acquire a CD certification a person has to be working for a treatment agency. The board thinks the position requires a person with strong and excellent administrative skills with some clinical knowledge. Jackie said this would be emphasized in the questionnaire and during the interview.
- Have you identified the panel of interviewers? If so, who are they? Jackie said the panelists would include the board, agency representatives, staff and other interested parties.

##### A. CHAT Status Update

The City of Seattle has withdrawn \$146,000 funding for beds for Crisis Triage clients at CHAT. Higher performance in other areas will allow us to use available fund balance to offset this reduction. In addition, starting this June there will be no more psychiatric nurse at CHAT. This will eventually limit CHAT's client intake.

There is no definitive action on CHAT. It is up to the King County Executive to make that decision. As of now, there is no money to continue CHAT's operation beyond this year. However, AJOMP included CHAT in their proposal. The AJOMP will be presented to the King County Council in May 2002. Jackie assured the board that they would be given a copy of the final Budget Report as soon as it is made available. Linda offered assistance to testify or write a letter of support for CHAT or NRF as deemed necessary. Jackie said that the board may want to testify during the County Council budget hearing on CHAT issues.

Jackie and Patrick Vanzo are exploring alternatives to incarceration for people with mental health/chemical abuse problems with staff from the Budget Office. She has asked the King County Jail for a list of high utilizers or frequent flyers to determine the high-risk jail bed utilizers.

There was an inquiry on North Rehabilitation Facility's (NRF) status. Jackie responded that NRF is under Seattle-King County Department of Public Health. As far as she knows, NRF is still fully funded this year. The fate of NRF will be known after the Department of Public Health submits their budget proposal to the King County Executive in July 2002.

B. Budget 2002-03

Jackie distributed copies of Governor Gary Locke's speech before the members of the State Senate regarding the State budget.

The Governor vetoed \$4 Million TANF Substance Abuse Treatment Proviso. In addition, 3 FTE outstation counselors for King County Assessment Center were eliminated.

Geoff laments the fact that in spite of the efforts made by the joint board legislative committee at the last legislative session, a number of bills affecting our target population did not pass. One reason for this is due to losing some legislative staff from the DSHS who were particularly sympathetic to our cause.

C. Monthly Utilization Report

Geoff distributed copies of the report showing the number of clients waiting to be seen and the next available date to be seen at the Community Service Office (CSO) as of April 1, 2002. The report also included data on the number of assessments conducted per CSO, goals for assessments and monthly totals per outpost, clients waiting for residential placement as of April 5, 2002, King County Assessment Center outpatient placement and residential placement report for March 2002

The budget crisis has affected many of the mental health/chemical dependency service programs. The Recovery Centers of King County was forced to close their Burien treatment facility for economic reason. The loss of 3 FTE at King County Assessment Center (KCAC) will affect the waiting list period. To minimize the effect of staff reduction at KCAC, management is reviewing the impact on the body of work, considering partial consolidation of KCAC, and controlling the number of client admissions.

Joan expressed concern that staff might inadvertently give a message that there are no longer services available because of lack of funding. She recommended supporting the staff in communicating to clients on how to access other treatment alternatives such as Alcoholics Anonymous (AA).

V. OTHER CONCERNS

Lorri Cox asked how the budget cuts would impact the criminal courts from the perspective of the Division and the board. It will not be easy to access residential treatment at CHAT for co-occurring disorders clients. Jackie stated that mental health clients would all virtually have to be Medicaid to get ongoing outpatient services because there is no surplus money for services other than those mandated. Clients are sorted by priority. The Criminal Justice will be the only one that will have money in the next few years. She expressed her admiration for the board for taking a proactive role in support of MH/CD issues.

Pat Knox inquired if there will be cut in CD staff. Jackie said that she doesn't know yet. She will review the actual CD administrative budget before she makes any decision on personnel issue.

Joan Clement wondered if Alcohol and Drug Prevention Section could be taken out of Public Health and merged with Chemical Dependency at DCHS. Jackie said that this is a very sensitive matter, it is politically challenging.

Linda Brown asked if the Division would be vulnerable with the imminent resignation of Barbara Gletne as DCHS Director at the end of June this year. Jackie expressed optimism. She is confident that the Division will remain viable because this is a program that has support from the King County Executive. Jackie said that this is something the board could ask King County Executive Sims when he attends the joint board meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup>.


There was a discussion on the integration of all aspects of CD/MH, including the funding stream. Joan expressed a bit of reservation about combining the funding stream of the two systems. There is a possibility it would jeopardize the CD funding.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

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Attested by:

  
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Board Chairman